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\$4,000 Settlement Reached with Rho-Chem Corporation

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$4,000 settlement with Rho-Chem Corporation (Rho-Chem) for hazardous waste shipment violations. Rho-Chem imports hazardous waste from Mexico for treatment and disposal in the United States. Rho-Chem operates a permitted transfer station at 425 Iris Avenue in Inglewood.

Rho-Chem is the parent company of SESSA, a hazardous waste consultant and transfer facility in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on April 22, 2004, Rho-Chem will pay a total of \$4,000 as a penalty to DTSC. The Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

The settlement stems from violations observed during a routine truck stop inspection of hazardous waste shipments at the United States Customs Otay Mesa Port of Entry on September 25, 2003. The violation was issued for failing to determine if a waste was a Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste. The hazardous waste was printed circuit boards with lead solder points which exceeded the RCRA levels for lead.

Rho-Chem has corrected the violation and returned to compliance.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.